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PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE/SCHONING

- 1. AT IN CAMERA SESSION OF INPFC, GOJ PROMISED TO RESPOND TO US SALMON PROPOSAL BY NOVEMBER 30. T. OHBA, CHIEF, DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES, JAPAN FISHERY AGENCY, IN CONVERSATION EVENING NOVEMBER 28, STATED HE IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTY IN SEEKING TO RESOLVE ISSUE WITH FISHING COMPANIES AND NEEDS A LITTLE MORE TIME. HE STATED HE WILL REPLY TO US PROPOSAL BY DECEMBER 10.
- 2. ON BEING QUERIED ON HALIBUT ISSUE, OHBA STATED INVITATIVE ON CONVENING INTERIM HALIBUT MEETING MADE BY CANADA. SHOULD CANADA FORMALLY PROPOSE CONVENING SPECIAL HALIBUT MEETING, GOJ WOULD BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING TO SEEK RESOLUTION TO PROBLEM.
- 3. OHBA CLAIMED JAPAN AWARE HALIBUT WOULD BE ONE OF MAJOR ISSUES AT INPFC MEETING. HOWEVER, BREADTH AND SCOPE US PROPOSALS CAUGHT JAPAN BY SURPRISE AND JAPAN WAS NOT PREPARED AT MEETING TO FULLY RESPOND TO THEM.

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4. REGFISHATT IS OF OPINION THAT OHBA APPRECIATES MAGNITUDE

SALMON AND HALIBUT PROBLEMS AND IS SEEKING TO ACHIEVE ACCOMO-DATION WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO US. HOWEVER, AS EXPECTED HE SEEMS TO BE ENCOUNTERING GREAT RESISTANCE FROM FISHING INDUSTRY OVER THESE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON SALMON. SHOESMITH

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